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pure white, overlapping, leaf-like portions arising from a common point of attachment on the outside of the bale and connected with the vegetative portion of the fungus (mycelium), which permeates the inside of the bale in the form of numerous minute white threads. The plant is readily recognized as belonging to the genus *Pleurotus*, of the fleshy fungi, but the species has not yet been determined.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Columbia University has received an anonymous gift of \$100,000 to establish in memory of the late Henry Bergh a foundation to inculcate a spirit of kindness and consideration toward the lower animals.

By the will of Trenor L. Park, which has been filed for probate, Harvard University receives a bequest of \$25,000.

MR. HENRY STODDARD, of New Haven, who was sent to England in connection with the will of Mr. Blount, has returned. It is said that he reports that the amount of the bequest will be \$450,000. No light has been thrown on the question as to the reasons leading Mr. Blount to make this bequest.

THE sum of \$70,000 has been left by the late Miss Lucinda Bailey for the establishment and maintenance of an industrial school for boys and girls of Bath, Me.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE, retiring lord rector of St. Andrews University, has intimated his intention of giving £2,000 in addition to the £10,000 he has already given for the completion of the buildings of the university library.

ELEVEN teaching fellowships have been established at the University of Kansas for graduates of special merit. Each fellowship entitles the holder to \$265, and he is obliged to teach not more than seven hours a week. The remainder of the time is to be devoted to investigation leading to an advanced degree.

THE number of freshmen who have matriculated at Cambridge is, according to the *London Times*, 1,099; this is an increase of 78 over the number of last year. Since the beginning of the century there has been a steady annual increase in the number of students coming up to Cambridge in the October

term, with the exception of the year 1904, when there was a drop of two. In 1900 the entry was 841, and it steadily increased, except in the year mentioned, by about 20 each year up to 1905, when there was a sudden increase of 124. The numbers at the several colleges are as follows: King's, 45; Trinity, 204; St. John's, 62; Peterhouse, 16; Clare, 61; Pembroke, 79; Caius, 82; Trinity Hall, 44; Corpus, 27; Queens', 51; St. Catharine's, 26; Jesus, 61; Christ's, 66; Magdalene, 28; Emmanuel, 82; Sidney Sussex, 30; Downing, 43; Selwyn, 42; non-collegiate, 50. Of these, 15 are advanced students.

ACCORDING to recent data there are now in Germany 116 cities with special schools for backward children. The total number of these schools is 203, and the number of pupils is 13,100. Berlin has 31 of these accessory schools.

MR. GEORGE M. PLYMPTON, of the New York branch of Ginn and Company, has been elected president of the board of trustees of Amherst College, to succeed the late John E. Sanford.

LORD AVEBURY has been elected Lord Rector of the University of St. Andrews, succeeding Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

MR. EARLE G. LINSLEY has been appointed professor of geography and geology in the newly established department at California College, Oakland, Cal.

DR. NAOHIDÉ YATSU, formerly lecturer in Columbia University, has returned to Japan and has become lecturer in zoology in the Science College, Imperial University of Tokyo.

At Liverpool University, Dr. Joseph Reynolds Green, D.Sc., F.R.S., fellow and tutor of Downing College, Cambridge, lately professor of botany to the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, has been appointed to the newly-created Hartley lectureship on plant physiology.

At Manchester University, Dr. C. H. Weizmann has been appointed lecturer in chemistry; Mr. J. M. Pring, B.Sc., Harling Fellow, demonstrator in electro-chemistry; Mr. F. H. Gravely, B.Sc., assistant lecturer and demonstrator in zoology; and Mr. J. L. Simonson, M.Sc., junior demonstrator in chemistry.